

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
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USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
JOE MILLS
SUSAN THEER
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
DAN REYNOLDS - PHONE
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: None

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – all were present.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as posted.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Theer, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of July 13, 2022.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said Forest Supervisor Paul Strong left the office to take a position in Milwaukee's regional office. He also updated the Committee with upcoming USFS positions. The maintenance on the Pentoga ATV Trail Connector has been approved. USFS will provide the gravel – the County will do the work.

They are finished marking the remaining acreage on the Grub Hoe Timber Sale. Now working on data entry and cruise values.

There is one active timber sale in the County right now.

Reynolds reported that he miss-spoke at last months meeting. There will be four culvert replacements on the Nicolet Trail north of Tipler and not bridge replacements.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported two active timber sales in the County. There is a prescribed burn on the Spread Eagle Barrens today. The partnership meeting between the County and DNR will be held on August 24, 2022.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Ziolkowski reported two active timber sales in the County. Been busy setting up Fall Timber Sales.

B. SFI/FSC AUDIT

Ziolkowski reported the following message from Pat:

For the SFI/FSC audit – Please pass along to the committee:

“Taylor and Tyler did an excellent job with the audit, they put together all of the information needed ahead of the audit and answered all of the questions very well. No issues with our Timber sale program. Thank you to Mary for coordinating the lunch and her insistence on keeping our files neat and clean with the information we need to make these audits run smooth. All information asked for by the auditors was readily available.

It should also be noted that we visited our parks/campgrounds as well on this tour as they are part of the County Forest. Everything look good and presentable at all sites we visited. The committee should be proud of the F&P staff for running an excellent example of Sustainable Forest Management in the State. **There were no audit findings in relation to any work done by Florence County!!!**”

7. RECREATION

A. COSGROVE LAKE PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Ziolkowski reported the following message from Pat:

“Smith met with Zoning and landowner and laid out a process to take care of the issue. We will be starting this after vacation. Forestry Department will install fence posts to establish property boundary. The surveyor will write up legal description and an appraisal needs to be done to determine value of land. The landowner will pay costs, survey, appraisal, and land transfer to the County.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMENTS & CONCERNS

None

9. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve bills being paid for the month of July by Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Mills and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Podnar, Business Manager
Florence County Forestry and Parks